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Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42



15: Noriko Nakagawa



8: Kayoko Kotohiki



1: Mizuho Inada



15: Shuuya Nanahara



8: Yoji Kuramoto



1: Yoshio Akamatsu



16: Yuka Nakagawa



9: Yuko Sakaki



2: Yukio Utsumi



16: Kazushi Niida



9: Hiroshi Kuronaga



2: Keita Iijima



17: Satomi Noda



10: Hirono Shimizu



3: Megumi Etou



17: Mitsuru Numai



10: Ryuhei Sasagawa



3: Tatsumichi Ooki



18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi



11: Mitsuko Souma



4: Sakura Ogawai



18: Tadakatsu Hatagami



11: Hiroki Sugimura



4: Toshinori Oda



19: Chisato Matsui



12: Haruka Tanizawa



5: Izumi Kanai



19: Shinji Mimura



12: Yutaka Sato



5: Shogo Kawada



20: Kaori Minami



13: Takako Chigusa



6: Yukiko Kitano



20: Kyoichi Motobuchi



13: Yuichiro Takiguchi



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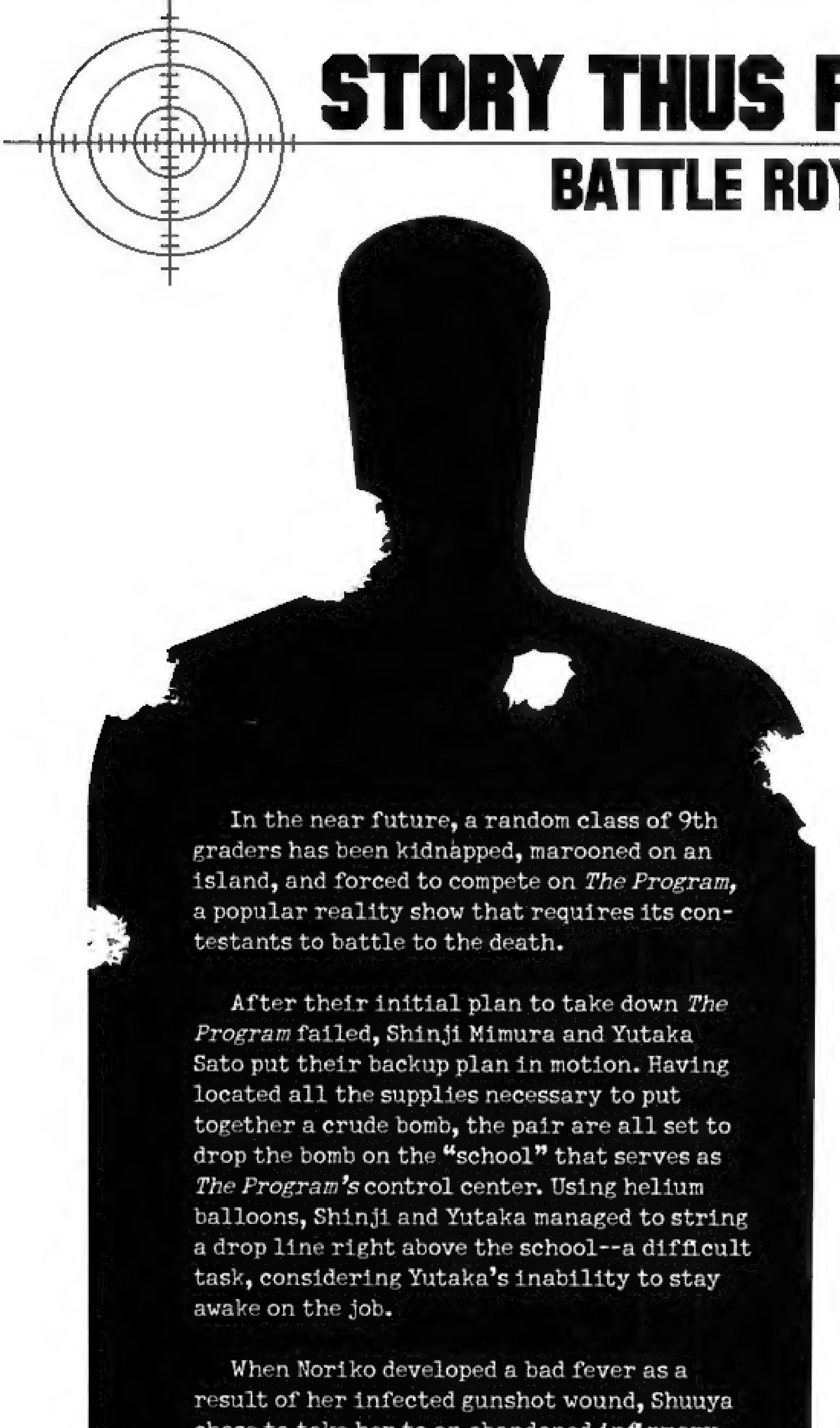
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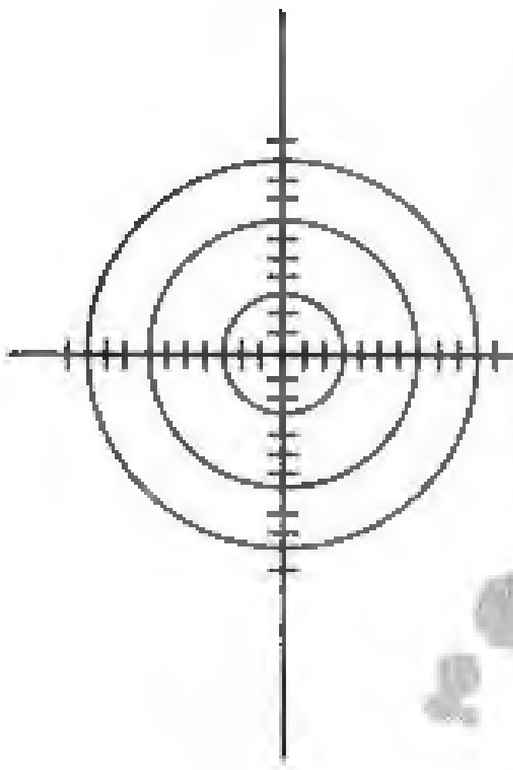
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In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on *The Program*, a popular reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death.

After their initial plan to take down *The Program* failed, Shinji Mimura and Yutaka Sato put their backup plan in motion. Having located all the supplies necessary to put together a crude bomb, the pair are all set to drop the bomb on the "school" that serves as *The Program's* control center. Using helium balloons, Shinji and Yutaka managed to string a drop line right above the school--a difficult task, considering Yutaka's inability to stay awake on the job.

When Noriko developed a bad fever as a result of her infected gunshot wound, Shuuya chose to take her to an abandoned infirmary, a risky move that Shogo viewed as suicidal. Nearly recovered, Noriko is now ready to continue on. However, in the world of *The Program*--where death is rampant and you never can be sure of who's lurking around the next corner--Shogo's prediction may yet prove to be true...



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CHAPTER 40: Sworn Friend

IT'S JUST STIFFENED UP A BIT...

STEADY ...

NICE 'N EASY NOW. STEADY...

LIKE YOU SAID. IT'LL LOOSEN UP... I'M FINE.

JUST STIFF...

!!

HURTS THAT BAD?

OW- OW- OW!

HUH?

THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

.....

TAG, YER IT. GOT TWELVE IN THE CLIP. THAT'S SIX MORE THAN YOUR MAGNUM.

SAFETY STAYS ON UNLESS YOU'RE GONNA USE IT. WE CLEAR?

I DON'T WANT HER CARRYING A GUN UNTIL SHE'S ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.

LAST THING WE NEED'S HER STUMBLING AND CLOCKING OFF A SHOT.

I KNOW I'M IN THE WAY...

GUYS.. I'M SORRY ABOUT..

LET'S HOPE IT STAYS ON.

RIGHT

I'M NOT UP FOR A "FRIENDLY FIRE" INCIDENT.

SAFETY ON.

CLICK

YOU? IN THE WAY?

COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE MORE WRONG?

RISKY?

?

TOO RISKY WAY TOO RISKY

.....

!!

WE FINDING ANOTHER HIDEY HOLE OR WHAT?

YO, KAWADA.

CAN'T HAVE THE VIEWERS GETTING BORED, CAN WE?

LIMITING SHELTER OPTIONS JACKS UP THE AMOUNT OF CHANCE ENCOUNTERS.

AS THE GAME GOES ON, THEY'LL START TAGGING THE DEVELOPED AREAS AS DANGER ZONES.

TRUST ME ON THIS, GUYS.

COMFORT'S A LUXURY THAT GETS YOU KILLED. BEST YOU BELIEVE IT.

I SAY WE STICK TO THE WOODS. IT'S WORKED FOR US SO FAR.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T THINK OF?

GOT BLANKETS 'N ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME RIGHT HERE

M'MAN SEES THE LIGHT! HERE YOU GO.

MAKES SENSE

WOODS YEAH.

GETTING GONE WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD... ALWAYS A GOOD PLAN.

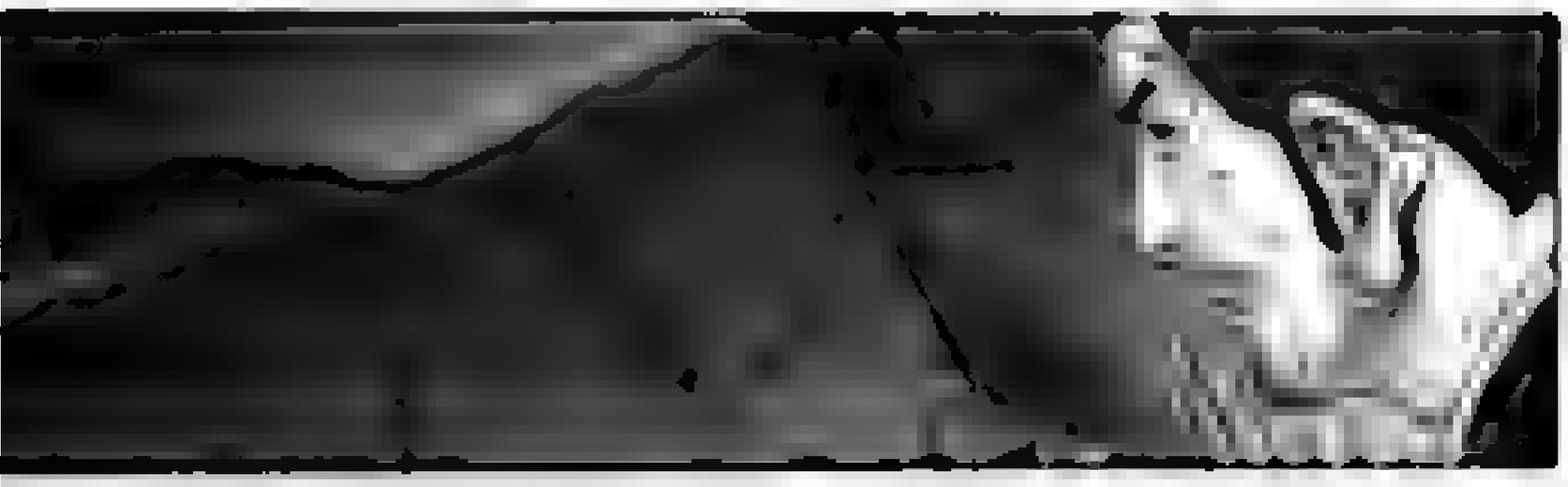
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NOTHING WORTH MENTION-ING.

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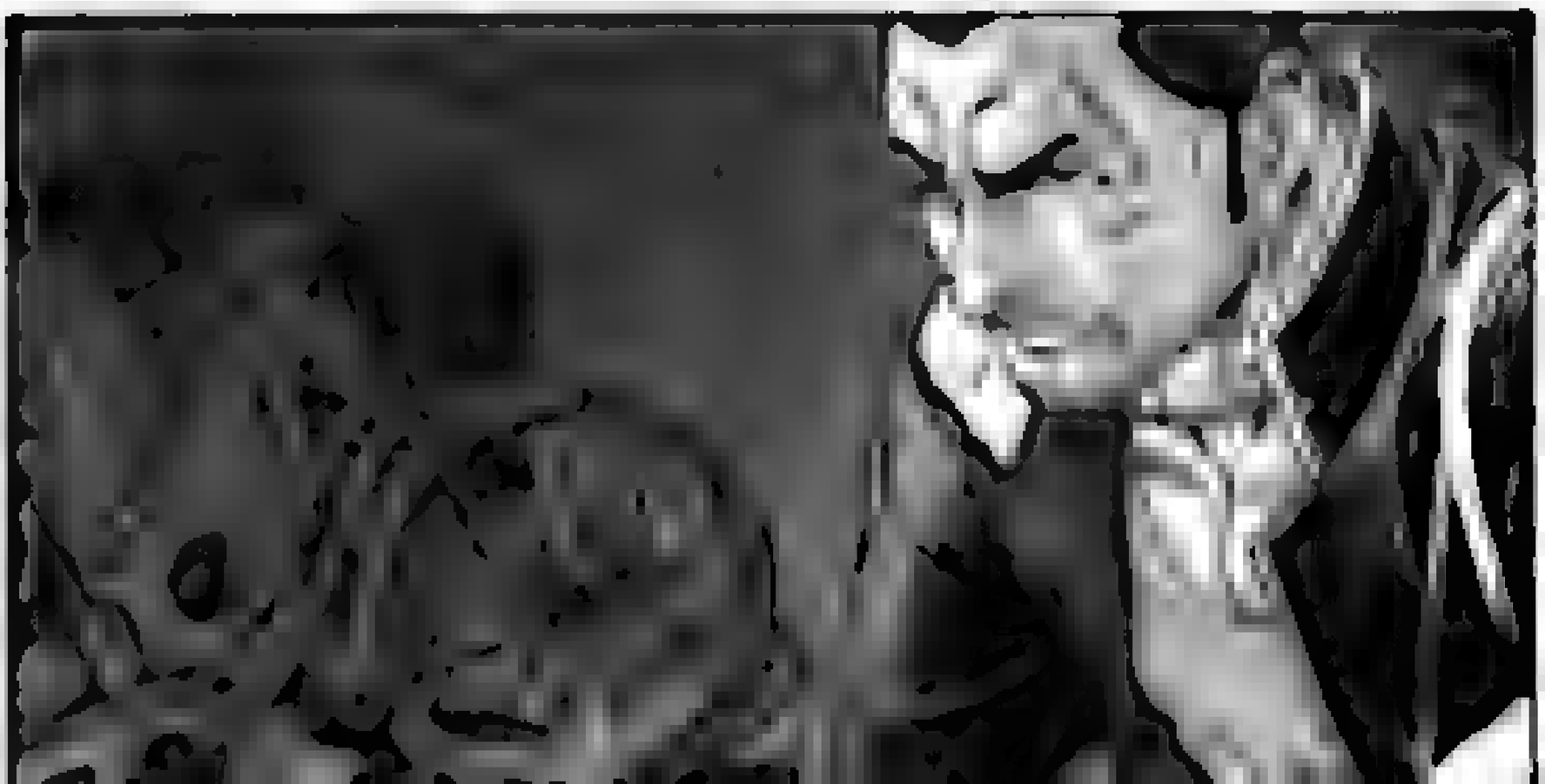








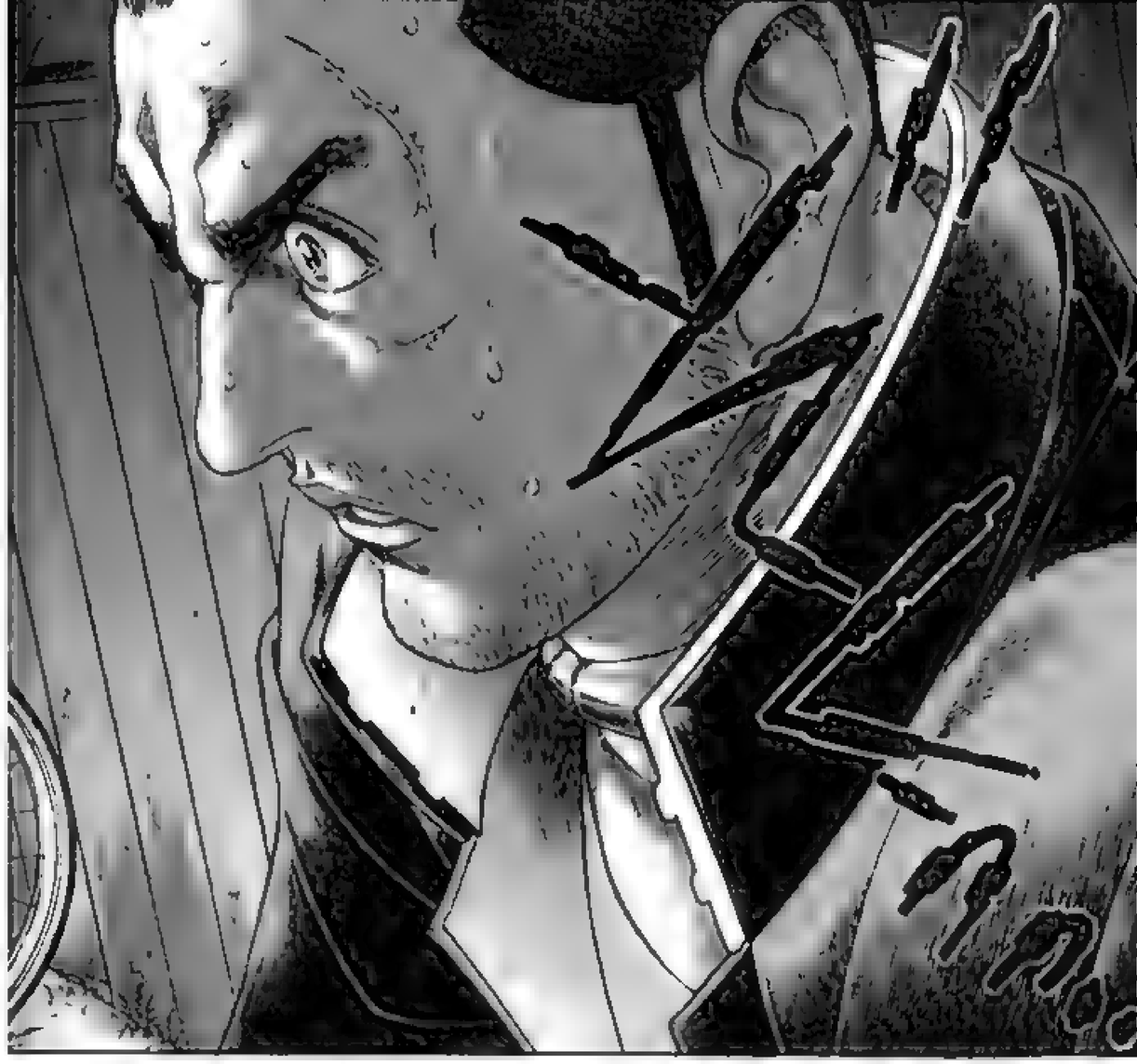




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KAWADA!

CRAK

FUCKER!

!!

KLIK

HAI!

Bo,

SHIT!

A POLE?!

CHOSE THE NEONS TARGET, FOLE BOY!

HHF

STAND DOWN AND NO ONE GETS HURT!

DO *NOT* MAKE ME DO IT!

DON'T, GOD-DAMN YOU!

SUGI?

.....

WHA'D YOU SAY?

11

FOR HELPING OUT BACK AT THE SCHOOL.

I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO THANK YOU...

NICE TO SEE YOU TOO ♡

AND NORIKO TOO. NICE.

THAT'S

ODD'S THE WORD COMES TO MIND

YOU THREE. ALL TOGETHER?

!

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

.....

LEFT

I DON'T REALLY DO MUCH

CAN'T BEAT THAT! ♡

PLUS...HE KNOWS A WAY OUT! OFF THE ISLAND AND AWAY!

COMES TO IT, HE'S THERE.

DON'T LET SHOGO'S ATTITUDE FOOL YOU HE'S SOLID

ODD'LL DO

.....

HM

THAT'S ME MISTER MIRACLE

DO WE LEAVE HEAD-LESS?

IS THAT SO?

.....

FFT

YOU GIVE AS GOOD AS YOU GET

KAWADA. RIGHT?

SORRY ABOUT THE "MOVES" I PUT ON YOU.

YOU GOT MOVES COULD COME IN REAL HANDY IF THINGS GET HINKY

COLLARS'RE A WORK IN PROGRESS. TILL THEN, WHY NOT SIGN ON WITH US?

MISTER WHO?

SHUUYA? IS THAT WHO YOU MEAN?

FRIEND OF MISTER "CAN'T-WE-ALL-JUST-GET-ALONG," ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU PUT UP WITH HIM?

.....

JUST GLAD MY HEAD'S STILL ON MY SHOULDERS.

SORRY, NOT THAT ONE GOT AWAY

YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT POLLYANNA WITH A PENIS?

WE NEED BEING FUNNY?

WHEN DID YOU GROW A SENSE OF HUMOR?

HARDY-HAR-HAR

WELL, YEAH I'D HAVE TO BE

.....

OH, AND OVERZEALOUS, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT UNFORTUNATE STREAK OF OVERZEA--

BECAUSE SHE'S KIND OF CLUMSY AND IMPULSIVE... DID I MENTION CUTE?

PUSHED IT TOO FAR?

I'M SO...

JESUS, WHAT A WAY TO DEFEND A FRIEND!

.....

TAKAKO WAS SO MUCH BETTER AT THIS THAN ME.

SIGH

THAT IS I'M NOT ALL THAT GOOD AT BEING ONE OF

I'M NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF

!!

AH

SHE'S AN EASY TARGET TOO EASY.

.....

YOU WERE DOING FINE YOU GOT LUCKY THIS TIME

HUH

AGH

CAN WE DROP THE SUBJECT?!

I GUESS

AND UM

HE IS PRETTY GULLIBLE... TOO QUICK TO TRUST.

AND RUDE

DON'T FORGET RUDE

HMM...

HOPE-LESS...

I DIDN'T MEAN IT ANY OTHER WAY.

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IT ALWAYS COMES TO THIS...

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ALWAYS LOOKING TO SEE YOU FAIL...

SOME-ONE'S ALWAYS TESTING YOU...

WILL I FAIL THIS TEST?

CHAPTER 41: Flower of Courage


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如


STRENGTH AND GRACE..
.....
AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY.. STRENGTH AND GRACE . VERY IMPRESSIVE
AH..
FLAW-LESS .. YES..


AND TEST AFTER TEST AFTER TEST...

OH. UM..

TRUE?

I SAID, WORD'S OUT YOU GOT SOME MAJOR MOVES. TRUE? FALSE?

HUH? WHA?

COULD USE A BIT OF BACK-UP MUSCLE... KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

SOLID. WE GOTTA LAY A HARD LESSON ON SOME GUYS SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

MY SENSEI... HE FORBIDS IT. ONLY IN SELF-DEFENSE, AND THEN SPARINGLY.

!

HUH?

THAT'S NOT... I CAN'T.

!!

.....

ドキ ドキ ドキ

.....

WHAT TH' FUCK'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

.....

DANCE..

.....

JUST A FUCKIN' DANCE. FAG MOVES!

!!

MEANS IT'S JUST A DANCE!

TAKAKO WAS THERE... HEARD IT ALL. TAKAKO...

.....

I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL SHOW EVERYONE!

YOU'LL SEE..

!

STRENGTH AND GRACE

TAKA WAS ALWAYS THE TOUGHEST TEST...

STRENGTH AND GRACE! YOU'LL SEE!

HEY!

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, STILL A GODDAMN KID!

STILL A KID...

HM.
I GUESS

GUYS LIKE THAT... THEY SMELL FEAR ON YOU AND IT'S ALL OVER.

BUNCHA DUMBASS JUY'ES BRACE YOU AND YOU DAMN NEAR WET YOUR PANTS! NEWS FLASH--YOU COULD TAKE THE LOT OF THEM!

IT'S TRUE!

T
S
T
S

ACT LIKE THE MAN YOU KNOW YOU ARE! STOP BEING SUCH A GODDAMN WUSS!

YOU START TAPPING YOUR NOSE, I SWEAR TO GOD I WILL BUST YOU A GOOD ONE!

DON'T EVEN THINK IT!

!!

ACTA'

AS TESTS GO

I'M I MEAN

NO NO. NO

I'M WAITING!

ANY OF THAT NEED REPEATING?

HUH...

CHECK OUT MISTAH BIG STUFF...

TAKAKO NEVER GOT IT. NEVER UNDERSTOOD. IT WASN'T THAT I WORRIED I'D FAIL THE TESTS PEOPLE BROUGHT TO ME...

MISTAH BE DISSIN' OUR DOJO.

COME STRUTTIN' BY ALL FULLA HISSELF, HIS CHINESE MOVES OUT FOR ALL TO SEE...

MISTAH BIG SHOT...

I WAS WORRIED I'D PASS THEM AND... AND GROW TO LIKE IT.

YOU CALLIN' ME A LIAR?!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I... I DIDN'T...

HM...

THIS ISN'T...

I...

C'MON! LET'S SEE HOW YOUR CHINESE CRAP STANDS UP AGAINST OUR KARATE!

GOT THE MOVES T' BACK THE SWAGGER? HAH?

!!

DON'T FIGHT. STILL GONNA GETCHER ASS KICKED.

FINE

.....

ALWAYS SOMEONE

.....

LAST CHANCE

NOT A DANCE..

ALWAYS SOMEONE LOOKING TO SEE YOU FAIL...

ALWAYS SOMEONE TESTING YOU...

IF THIS IS THE WAY YOU WANT IT...
I GRANT YOU FIRST STRIKE.
STRENGTH AND GRACE... THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, TAKA.
COMIN' ATCHA, MISTAH BIG SHOT!
GONNA MESS YOU UP GOOD!
FIRST AND LAST

INCOMING!

!!

!!

DIDN'T FIGURE YOU GENTS'D MIND MY MAKING IT A FAIR FIGHT.

WHO ..

THAT'S YOUR CUE TO FACE IT IN AND CALL IT A CAN! WE CLEAR?

OH, AND IN CASE YOU TWO IDIOTSES MISSED IT, THE MAN NEED DON'T WANNA FIGHT!

IT MATTER? PLEASE LIKE? ME!

WHO'S THIS FELL?

YOU'RE WEL-COME TO TRY!

STOMP H.S ASS!

HOO-
HA-
HO!

!!

HURRICANE
KICK!
HYAAA!

HUH!

HURRI-
CANE
KICK?

.....

OKAY...
MAYBE
NOT.

.....

.....

NO!
DON'T!

!!

WANT A
HURRICANE
KICK? TRY
THIS ON!

KEE-
YA!

!!

!!

UM?

HEADS UP!

!!

HYAH!

10


NO WAY!

THEY NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT THEM!

AWESOME! MOST DEFINITELY AWESOME!

道会館

WOW..

I... UM...

THERE'S NO SUCH THING, IS THERE?

THERE ISN'T...

CORRECT ME IF... IF I'M WRONG, BUT... THAT KICK?

!!

?

VERY... UM.. BRAVE...

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE... JUMPING IN LIKE THAT...

THANK YOU...

AH...

HEY, IF MY PRATFALL HADN'T DISTRACTED THEM, WHO *KNOWS* WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED!

I WAS IN A POSITION TO... WELL... SORTA HELP.

I MEAN... YOU NEEDED HELP...

DOES IT MATTER?

MISDIRECTION... THAT'S THE WAY TO PLAY IT!

DAMN STRAIGHT!

SURE..

WHO KNOWS.

RIGHT..

NOT THIS TIME.

NOT AT ALL.

I HATED EVERY SECOND OF IT!

I MESSED UP

AHHH..

AGAIN!

NO

ANOTHER TEST... THIS ONE FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE...

... AND KNOWING WHEN IT'S RIGHT.

MY FRIENDS CALL ME AN IDIOT. ♡

SHU... AS IN SHUUYA.

STRENGTH AND GRACE...

NOT A DANCE. FAR FROM IT!

THANKS FOR MESSING UP I OWE YOU ONE

MY FRIENDS CALL ME SUGI.

!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIKE TAKING ACTION...

THANKS TO SHU, I KNOW. I KNOW THAT ACTIONS MUST SUIT INTENT.

I BELIEVE IN WHY I DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION

YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE

HOW'D HE LEAD TO PUT IT? "FIND THE JUSTICE WITHIN." THAT WAS IT.

TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU

UH... EARTH TO SUE?

I... MAY [illegible] AS I ACT [illegible] AS I AM. YOU CHOOSE YOUR [illegible]

.....

.....

.....

CRAP... HERE IT COMES. IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER HIS FACE.



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CHAPTER 42: Parting



NOT A HELL OF A LOT TO HANG YOUR TRUST ON, EH, SUGIMURA?

... AND I'M THE ONE TOUTING AN ESCAPE PLAN.

!!

I'M THE ONE HE'S GOT THE LEAST REASON TO TRUST...

C'MON, SHU... DO THE MATH. HE KNOWS ME... WHAT? ENOUGH TO NOD "HI" TO IN THE HALL?

CHILL.

SHUUYA.

.....

!

DAMMIT, KAWADA! ARE YOU *TRYING* TO DRIVE HIM AWAY?

SUGI TRUSTS ME AND I TRUST YOU AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR.. FOR

THAT'S NOT IT! THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!

I'M SEARCH-INS, SHU. YOU FOUND NORI AND KAWADA... I'M STILL SEARCHING.

HE'S CALLING IT LIKE HE SEES IT. NO FAULT IN THAT.

I KNOW WHAT HE MEANS.

SHE'D... SHE WAS...

I FOUND ONE OF... I WAS TOO LATE.

I...

SEARCH-INS FOR WHO?

WHO, SUGI?

.....

!

SHE WAS... THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO...

TAKAKO... YOU FOUND TAKAKO...

.....

SOUMA. MITSUKO. SHE...

SHE'S PLAYING TO WIN. SHE KILLED TAKA.

GOT TO COAX ONE LAST SMILE FROM... FROM...

HARDCORE SOUMA FOUND HER FIRST.

YEAH FOUND HER

.....

!!

I GOT TO SAY GOOD-BYE

.....

RIGHT LIKE THAT'S EVER BEEN A CONCERN.

AT THE RISK OF BEING RUDE

IF YOU TELL US WHO, WE CAN KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR--

YEAH I GET IT

I CAN'T LOSE AGAIN

THAT'S WHY I'VE GOT TO GO

YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF

SUBI I'M SO SORRY.

.....

.....

SAVES US THE UNPLEASANT SURPRISE 'A STUMBLIN' ACROSS ANY SWEET TREATS. FEEL FREE TO SHARE WHAT I GOT

CLEAN.

AND ANYONE ELSE YOU STUMBLED ACROSS IF YOU REMEMBER WHERE HERE'S WHAT I GOT

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE YOU FOUND HER TAKATO, WAS IT? I'M TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF Y'KNOW

TIME GO'S ON, THEY GET A TE FOLLOW?

WAY TO SHOW COMPASSION THERE, SAGOO

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!

YEAH.. I FOLLOW

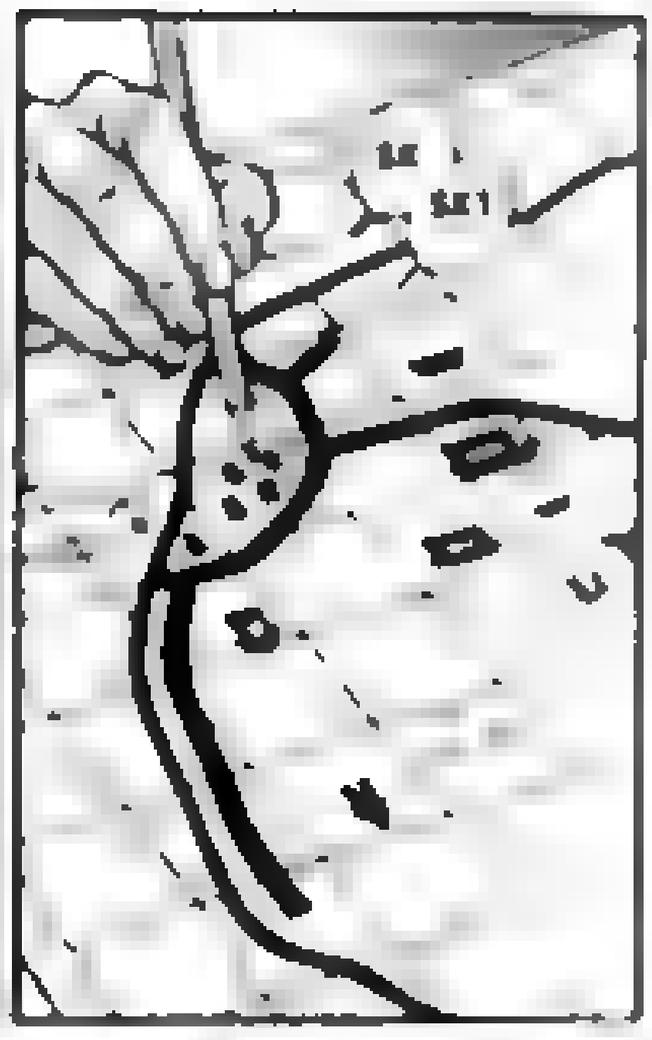
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!
SAFETY IN NUMBERS M'KAY?
LOOK SUMMORA
MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU OUT LOOK WITH YOU FOR A BIT


BESIDES I'M CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE NOT GOOD FOR NORIKO SHE'S NOT REMEMBER?
MOVING AROUND TOO MUCH IT'S NOT SAFE I'M WILLING TO TAKE THE RISK
BUT I'M NOT WILLING TO EXTEND THE RISK TO YOU


THAT'S OK WE CAN'T
HEY


.....


CAN'T? WHY?

!!

SKR
SKT

SKT
SKT

.....

I'M BETTER OFF ALONE.

.....

CHK!!

DAMMIT ...

!

C'MON, TAKE IT. AT LEAST IT'LL GIVE YOU A FIGHTING CHANCE.

IT'S OKAY. WE'VE STILL GOT THE SHOTGUN.

SUGI, TAKE THIS. THAT STICK WILL ONLY GET YOU SO FAR.

SUGI...

THE TWO OF YOU... YOU DO RIGHT BY NORIKO.

ESPECIALLY IF IT COMES DOWN TO A HARD CHOICE. DO RIGHT BY HER!

THAT'S... IT'S NOT MY WAY, SHU. YOU KNOW THAT.

YOU GUYS ARE GONNA WIND UP NEEDING IT MORE THAN ME. NO OFFENSE.

A HANDHELD DETECTION MONITOR KEYED TO THE COLLAR'S FREQUENCY

I'VE GOT MORE THAN A STAFF GOING FOR ME. HOW DO YOU THINK I FOUND YOU?

SFF

END OF SERMON. RELAX, SHU...

BEST BE DAMN CARE-FUL YOU DON'T TURN UP THE WRONG SIGNAL.

RUNNING GRIDS SCAN-NING FOR SIGNALS, EH?

I KNEW THE LAST KID HAD ONE. LESS SAID ABOUT THAT THE BETTER.

HOW DID YOU--

!!

?

PITY ALL THE SIGNALS SOUND OFF THE SAME. NO WAY 'A KNOWING WHO YOU PICKED UP.

SIGH...

SOMEONE NOT CUT OUT FOR TH.S SHIT, AM I RIGHT? SOMEONE.. SPECIAL.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE IN PARTICULAR? YEAH.

PING

PING

EMOTIONS GOT A WAY OF CLOUDING JUDGEMENT. GOOD WAY TO GET YOURSELF KILLED, THAT IS.

I'D WATCH THAT, I WAS YOU, SUGIMURA.

I'M GONNA FIGURE IT'S A CHICK... A GIRL. SORRY, NORI. OLD HABITS DIE HARD.

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I GET THAT A LOT. GOT MUCH THE SAME THE FIRST TIME AROUND.

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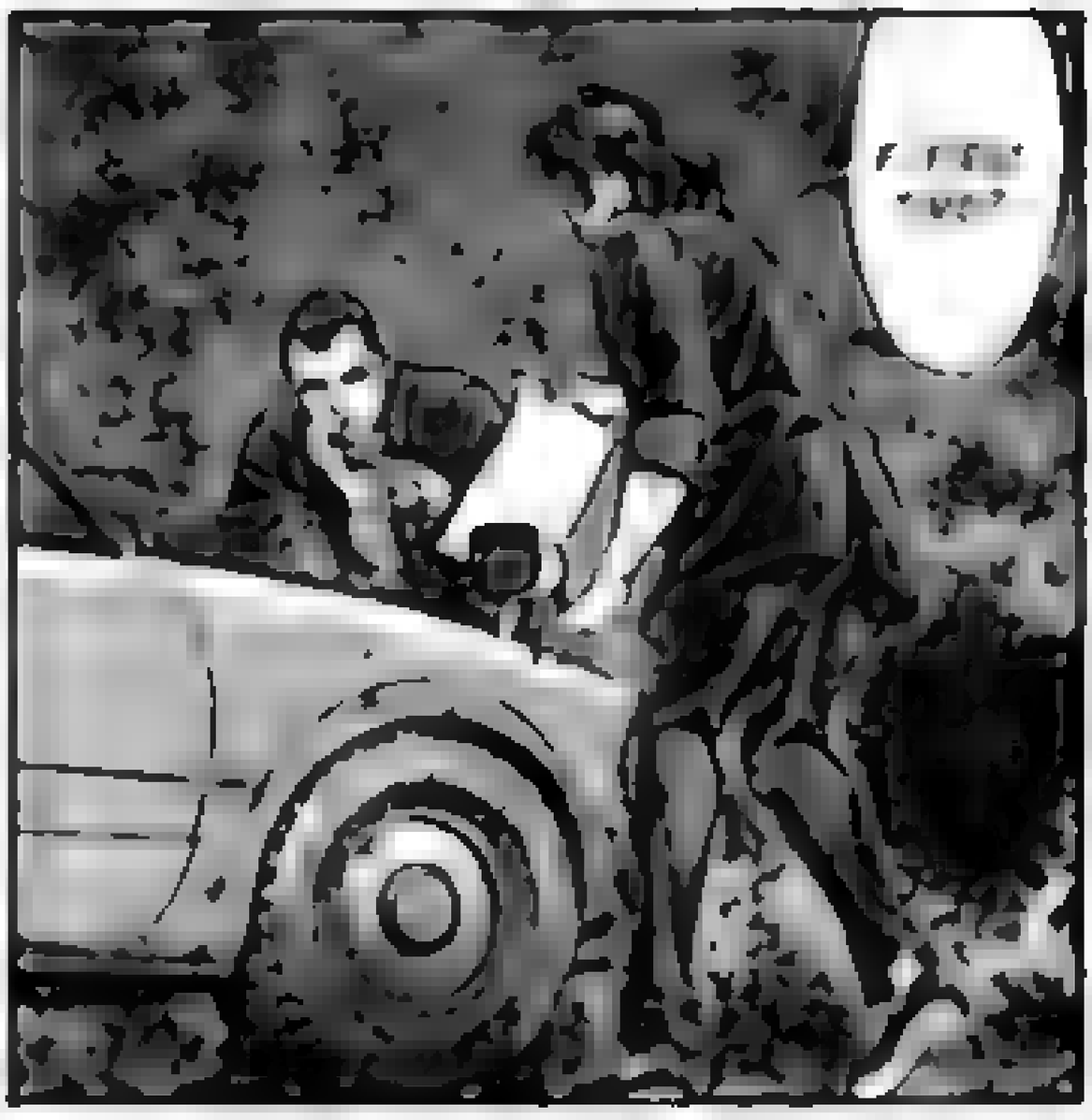
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THANK YOU, MARY FUCKIN' SUNSHINE!

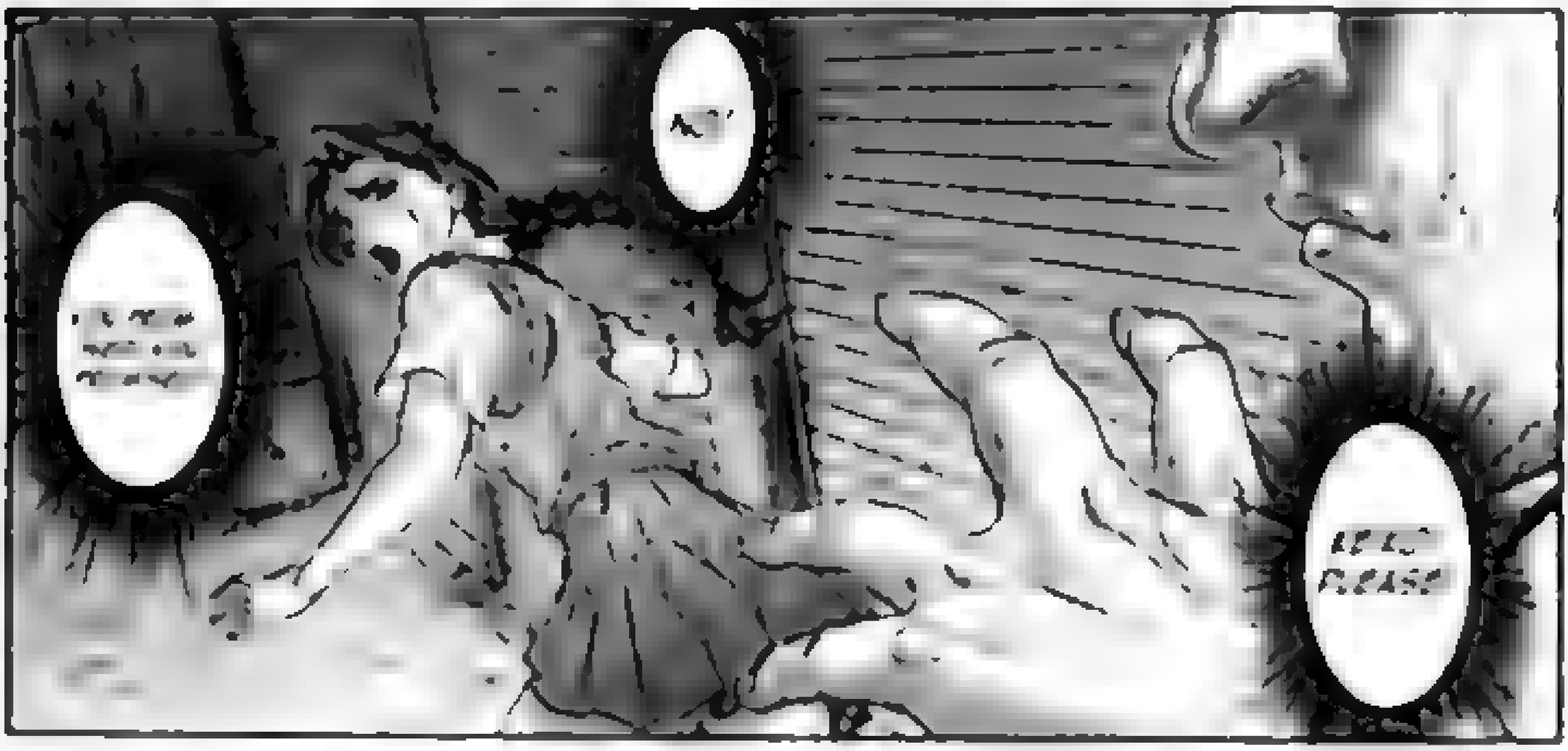
APPALLED BUT IMPRESSED

I I'M IMPRESSED













CHK

FOR WHAT?

A BIRD CALL? OKAY, I'LL BITE...

?

IT ALWAYS SOUNDS FAKE. GUESS LIPS GET IN THE WAY.

THE THING ABOUT TRYING TO FAKE BIRD CALLS...

SOMEONE'S BEEN STUDYING.

THAT'S THREE IN A ROW... ♡

HERE'S THE DEAL, SUGIMURA. YOU WANT TO HOOK UP WITH US AGAIN, YOU MAKE TWO FIRES, LOTS OF SMOKE.

A BIT SHRILL FOR ANY BIRD WE'VE HEARD...BUT WHO'S GONNA NOTICE? EASIER TO PICK OUT THAT WAY.

THIS LITTLE BEAUTY'S GOT IT DOWN PAT.

THEN PUT SOME DISTANCE DOWN AND LAY LOW. LISTEN FOR THE BIRD CALL. FIFTEEN SECONDS' WORTH EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES.

.....

I'M GETTING TO THE POINT!

WHAT?

LISTEN FOR THE B'RD CALL

SET TWO FEES

CLEAR AS A BE—

ANYTHING NEED ANOTHER SOUND OVER, OR ARE WE CLEAR ON THIS?

ONE COULD BE COINCI-DENCE

THAT'S TWO FEES

HOME IN ON THE B'RD CALL. TRUST ME, WE'LL SEE YOU BEFORE YOU SEE US

UNLESS YOU'VE GOT THAT WHOLE RUBBING-TWIGS-TOGETHER THING GOING FOR YOU.

AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO SNAP UP A PACK OF MATCHES OR A LIGHTER AS YOU MOVE ON

GOOD

UM. SIR!?

SLIM HOPE IS BETTER THAN NO HOPE AT ALL.

I'LL SCARE UP SOME MATCHES THANK YOU

!

I PUT IT IN A TUPPERWARE! UM SO YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

WE... SHOGO WANTS SOME COFFEE. I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND YOU SHARING

?

AND SHOSO THEY'LL DO RIGHT BY YOU I'M SURE OF IT

I'M GLAD YEAH YOU FOUND SHIUNA WORLD

MY LIPS ARE SEALED. ♡

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YOU SURE SHIUNA DON'T HAVE A HAND IN THIS??

THIS IS THE WORST COFFEE I'VE EVER TASTED

UH, OH!

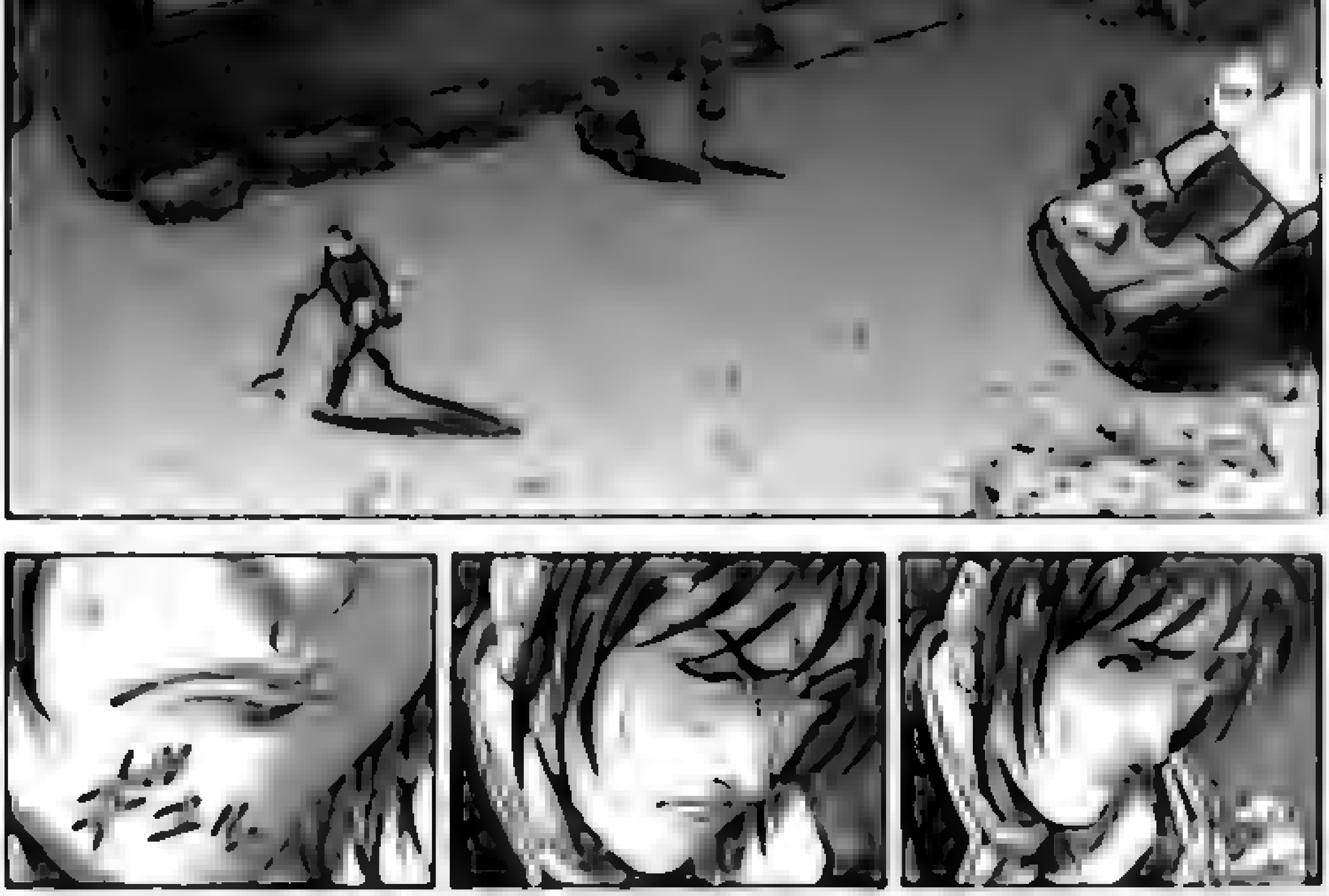
EIGHT SECOND TIME AROUND

.....!

NOT TOO INSPIRED- YEAH PEAT EH, SHOSO?

JEEZ LISTEN TO THE TWO OF YOU GO ON













THEN YOU BUILD THOSE FIRES. HEAR ME?

YOU FIND HER, GOD-DAMMIT. FIND HER AND DO RIGHT BY HER

I-I.. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.

.....

SUCH A LUCKY GIRL TO HAVE YOU, SUGI.

LUCKY GIRL...

WE'RE GONNA BEAT THIS, SUGI. JUST SEE IF WE DON'T. YOU BE THERE FOR IT. OKAY? YOU BE THERE.

YOU HEARD THE MAN. FIRST KAYOKO, THEN BACK TO US. DON'T MAKE US COME AFTER YOU.

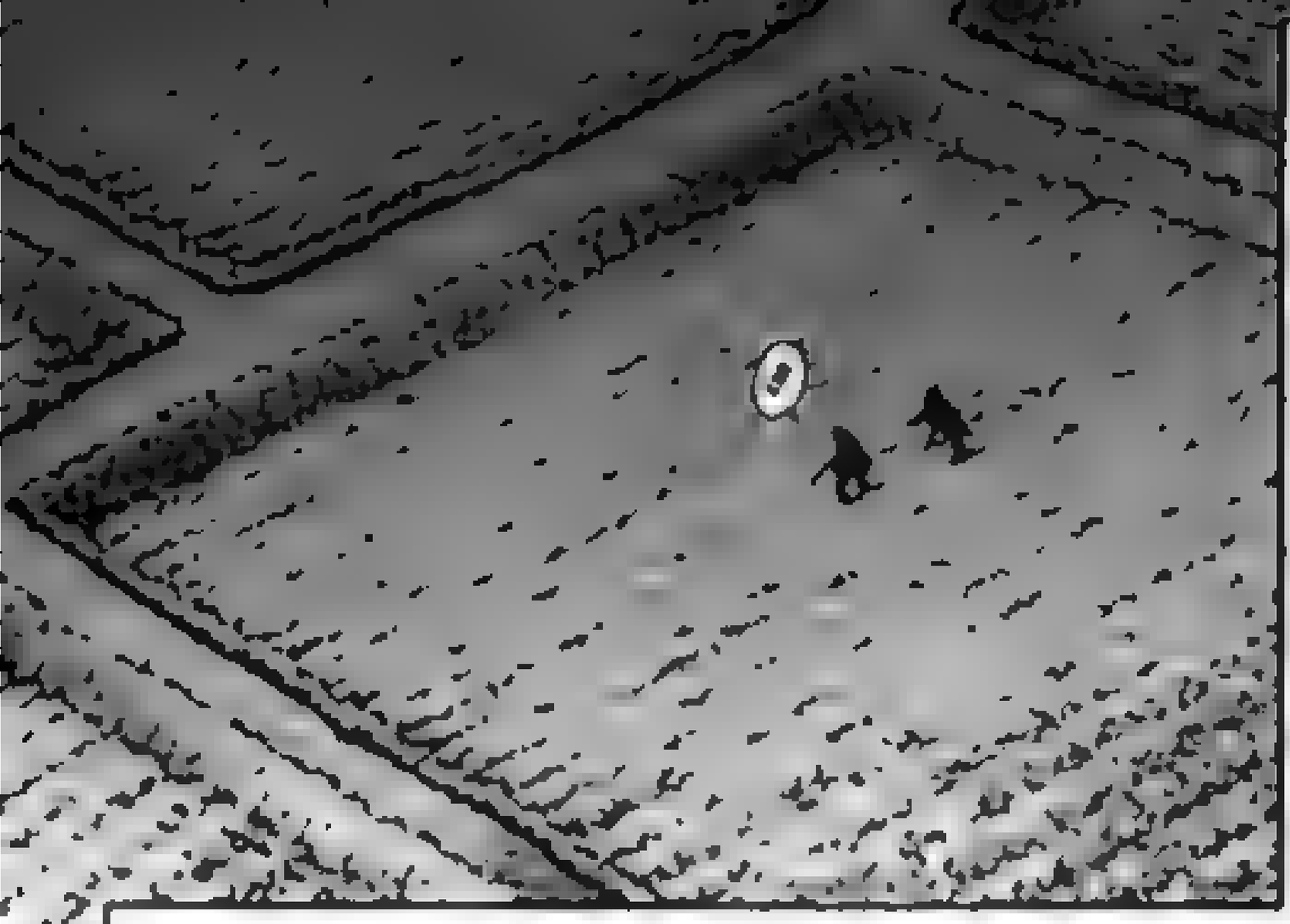
...THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH THIS... WE'LL TALK. TILL THEN...

COUNT ON IT

Y'KNOW... I OWE A LOT TO YOU. TO WHO YOU ARE...












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HE'S A BIG BOY HE'LL HANDLE OR NOT
SHUT OUT OF IT




WE'RE SITTING DUCKS OUT HERE. SOONER WE FIND COVER, THE BETTER. WITH ME?
YOU WANNA BE DEPRESSED, BE DEPRESSED ABOUT US BEING OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS

!



BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

number eleven in a series
COLLECT THEM ALL!



Hiroki Sugimura

HEIGHT: 182 cm (5 ft. 11 in.)

WEIGHT: 74 kg (163 lbs.)

EXTRACURRICULAR: N/A

PRIMARY TALENTS: Martial arts / Chinese discipline

PRIMARY WEAKNESS: Extremely introverted nature

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Handheld detector keyed to collar frequencies

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Bullied as a child, the subject took on martial arts training as a means of building character / confidence. Subject displays marked difficulty when it comes to any / all forms of social interaction, excepting one Takako Chigusa (ref: girl #13 / deceased). A distressing tendency to overthink circumstances / situations could result in early elimination of the subject by less analytical classmates / contestants.

CONCLUSION(S): Introverted nature could turn out to be a plus. Should this one emerge victorious, there's little chance of his mouthing off at inopportune moments.



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CHAPTER 43: Raid







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SHIT! ANOTHER ONE!

CHK

ONCE MORE, GOD! ONCE MORE!

CHK-AK!

CHK-AK!







!!

HOW MUCH FUCKING AMMO DO THEY HAVE THIS DAY?

LAST YOU SENT NINE M'S A DAY!

FUCKER DIES IN CLOSE ENOUGH TO SPRAY, IT'S OVER!

WHO GIVES A FLYING FUCK?!

!!

SHUT UP AND SHOOT BACK!

THAT'S THE WAY!

OKAY... OKAY! FUCK!!

!!

KILL OR BE KILLED, SHU! NOW SHOOT, DAMN YOU!

CLAT

THIS ONE'S PLAYING FOR KEEPS AND HAS THE TOYS TO BACK HIS PLAY! THIS ONE IS NOT BACKING DOWN!

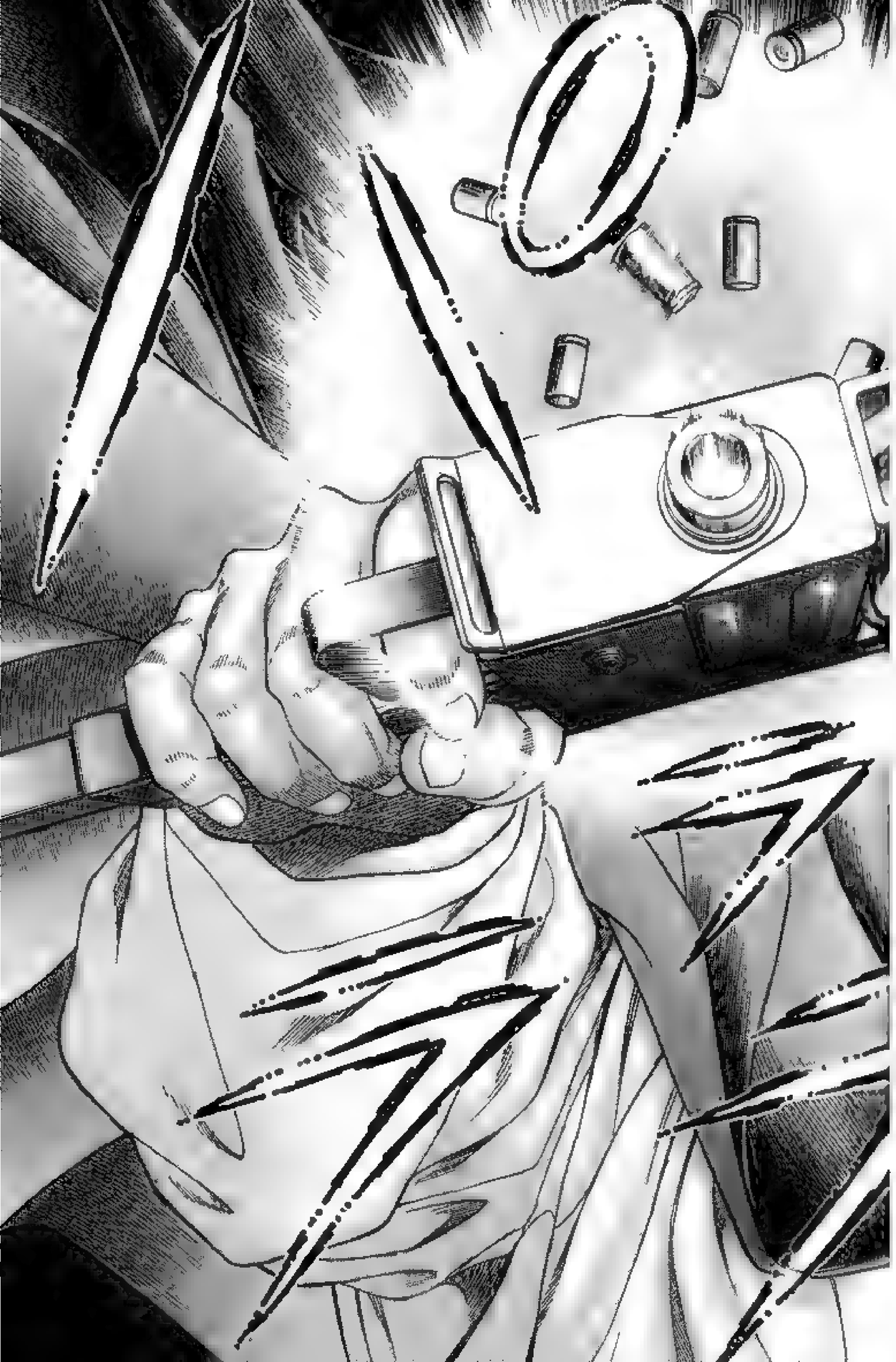
MAKE HIM SORRY HE STARTED IN ON US!


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!

THIS ONE GETS TAKEN DOWN NAO?!

I WILL

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?! CANNA?!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SHOOT BACK!! HEL-LO?!

GOT A GOOD LOOK

KAZUO KIRIYAMA... YEAH.

SAW H.M.

KIRIYAMA. I SAW H.M. IT'S FUCKING KIRIYAMA!

.....

!!

SHEEVA... IF SHEEVA HAD COME

SO NICE... SO NICE IF

BIG MAN... TOOK OUT YUKI AND YUKU... SHOT FROM BEHIND... THEY DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY, SO HE... FROM BEHIND! BIG MAN WITH A MACHINE GUN...

TWO SCARED GIRLS... CAFFEO THEM LIKE... LIKE THEY DIDN'T MATTER...

MI-

.....

NOW... NOW HE WANTS US!

THEY MAT-

NOT US, MOTHER-FUCKER!

NOT US! NOT NOW!!



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I KNOW YOU, KIENAHA! I KNOW YOU!

COME AND GET US, COWARD! COME ON!!

UN

CALM!





CHAPTER 44: Hard Change

ALL HE'S GOTTA DO IS KEEP US PINNED 'N WAIT US OUT!

!!

!!

LOU-KA-SHOO

SHOULD HAVE...

SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHUUVA...

LOU-KA-SHOO

NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID. AND NEVER FORGET THE PRICE THEY PAID FOR DOING IT

THEY DIED FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN. DON'T MAKE THEM ANY LESS DEAD

LOU-KA-SHOO

I THINK THEY DID ALL THEY COULD DO... I THINK THEY MIGHT BE HEROES

ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH THIS... WE'LL TALK.

VENOM . I OWE A LOT TO YOU. TO WHO YOU ARE THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE

ASK ME NO QUESTIONS, I'LL TELL YOU NO LIES...

UNLESS WE GOT US A TRUST ISSUE HERE...

FAITH IN ONE ANOTHER'S INTENTIONS. IN OUR ABILITY TO SEE THIS THROUGH... NO MATTER WHAT. I HAVE FAITH IN US!

WE CAN SHOW EVERYONE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY... WE'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH...

HEY, SHUUYA? I THINK I FOUND A GIRL I KINDA...

LIKE.

I THINK I FOUND A GIRL. . I KINDA LIKE .

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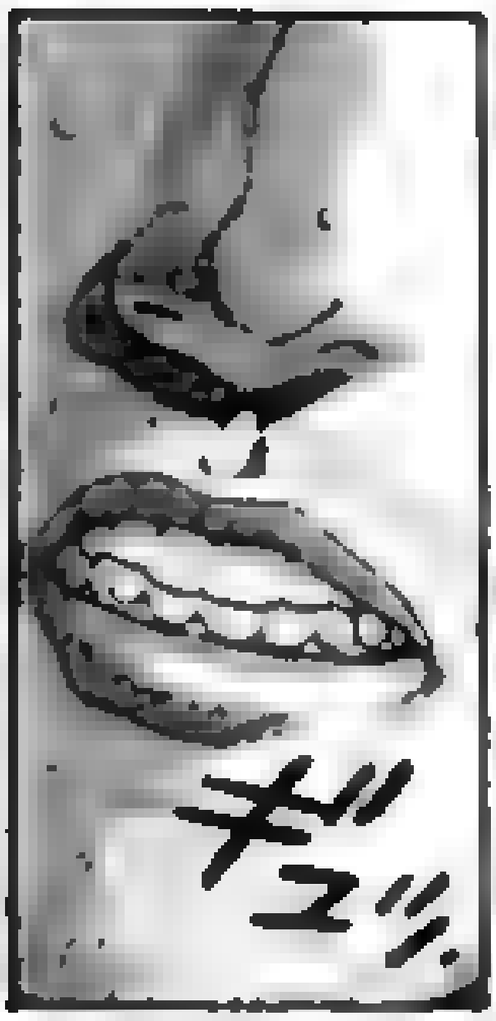
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE WOODS, RIGHT? SAME PLACE WE HOLED UP BEFORE

TAKE NOELLE AND I'LL MEET YOU THERE. DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK.

I'M FASTER THAN YOU'LL EVER BE. I CAN KEEP KIERNAN BUSY. BET ON IT.

!!

YOU CAN'T YOU YOU






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EH?


TEENPS A CHAIN-SMOKING MALPRACTICE MAGNET ANY DAY
♡


JUST ANOTHER ELVIS-OBSESSED, ROCK 'N ROLL WANNABE...
YOU FUCK UP, YOU DIE


SHE?


DONT FUCK UP

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GET HER OUT OF HERE! NOW!

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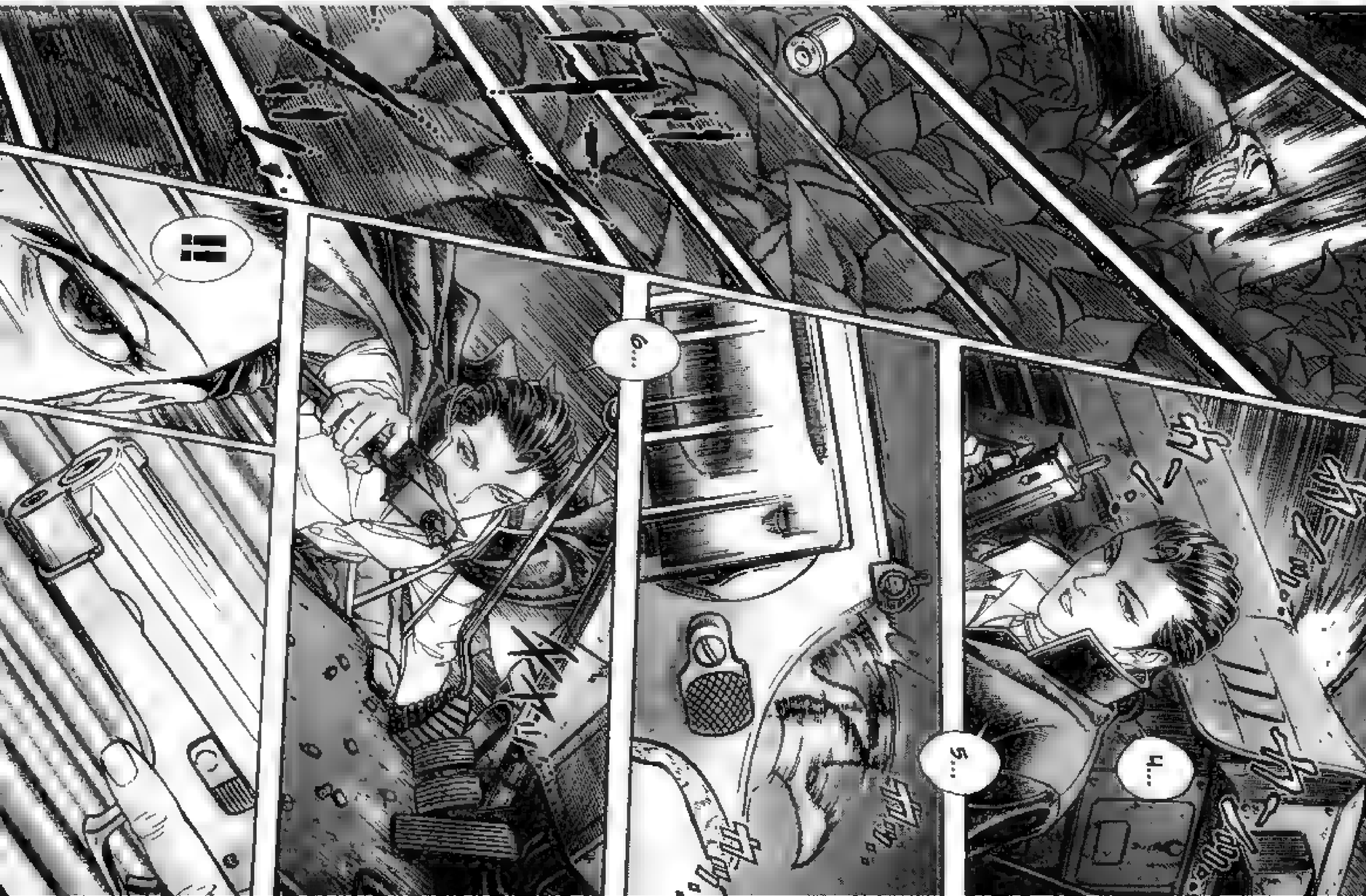
SHU YAAA AA!!

CH. CHAK

CHAK


SHH!
KLK
KLK
!




6...
5...
4...

!!


SMITH



LOSE HIM.. I CAN LOSE HIM..

GONNA MAKE IT

TREES BLOCK HIS AIM... YEAH...

CAN'T AIM.. TOO MANY TREES...

I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

LOSE THIS BASTARD, THEN FIGHT TO SHOGO 'N NOK!

I CAN DO THIS!

!!

OH...



BATTLE ROYALE



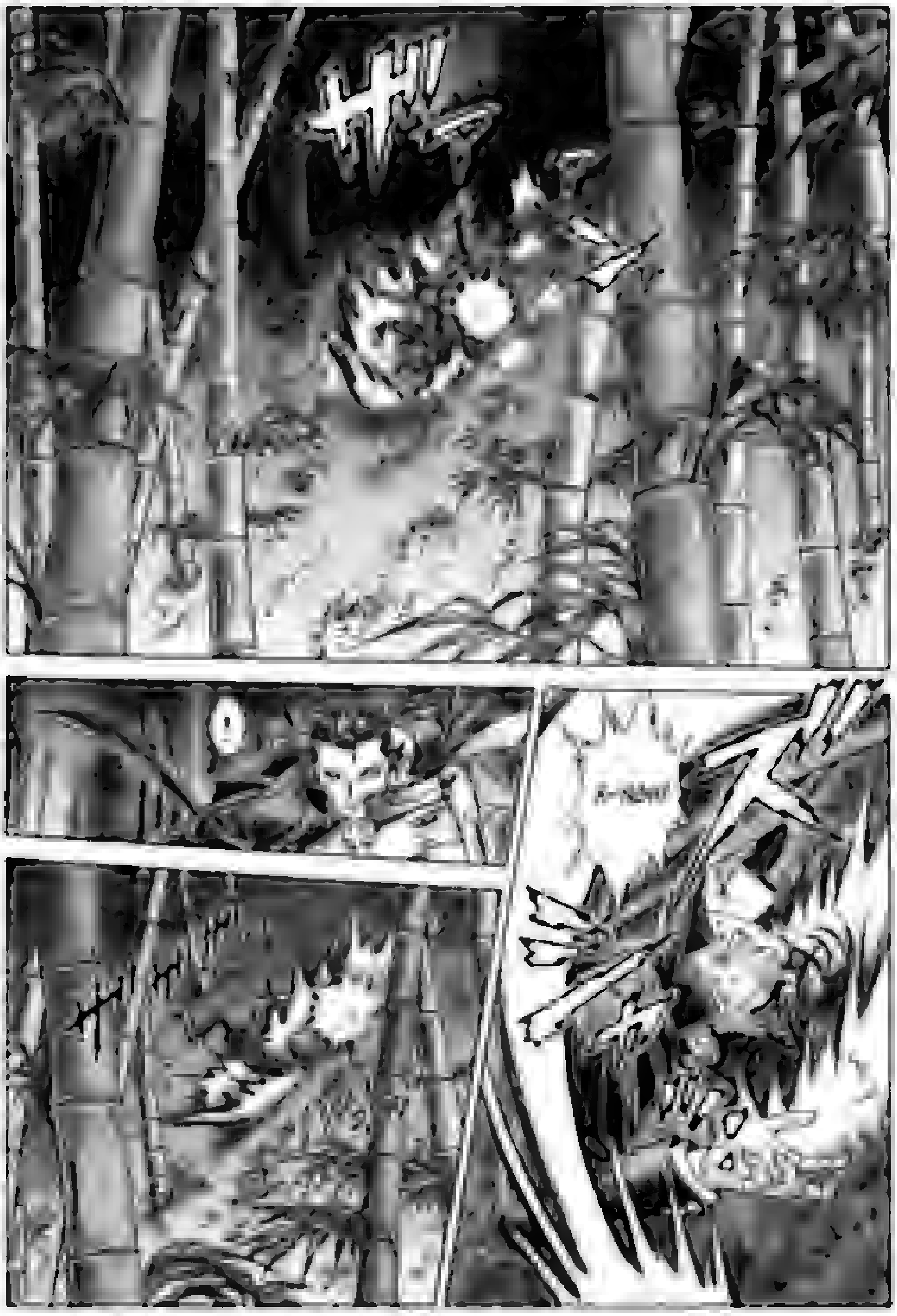
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CHAPTER 45: Rescue



NO! NO FUCKIN WAY!

NOT TODAY, MOTHER-FUCKER! NOT TODAY!





!!


HUH?
HUH?
HUH?



?

.....

THE B-3 LIE
DOWN ON YOU
YET? THERE ARE
NO WINNERS!
YOU "WIN," YOU
LOSE! THINK
ABOUT IT!

.....

THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS THIS SHIT CAME BEANS'

THINK ABOUT IT!

HOW LONG YOU BEEN DEAD INSIDE, KIRIYAMA?! WHAT KILLED YOU?!

HOW MANY SINCE YUNI AND YUKI? HOW MANY MORE TILL IT'S OVER?!

IS IT GONNA BE ME NEXT?!

WHAT? WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?

SHOULD I TURN MY BACK? THAT THE WAY YOU LIKE IT? LIKE YUNI AND YUKI AND GOD ONLY KNOWS WHO ELSE?!

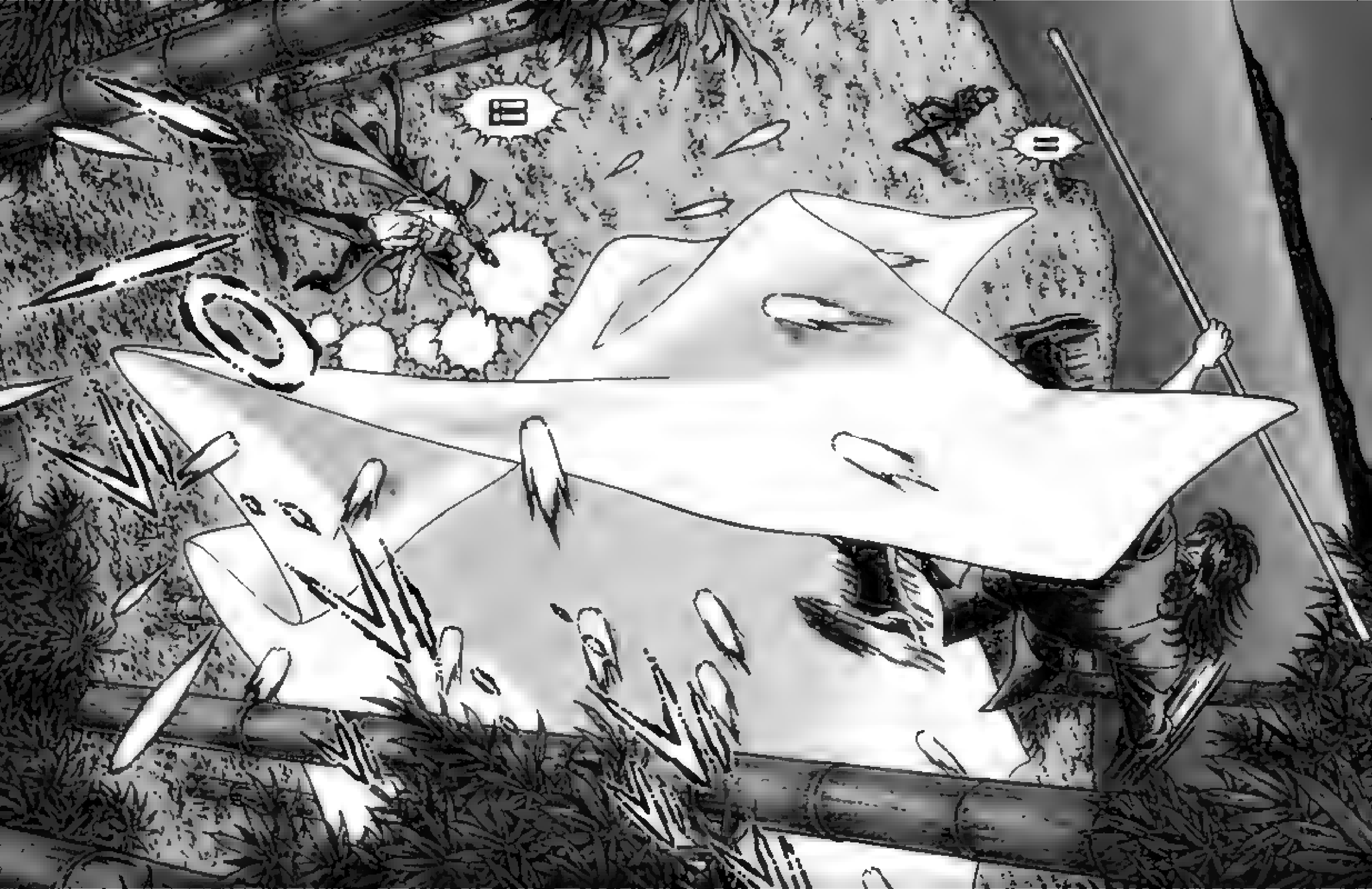
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COM. FUCKER

C'MON, PSYCHO! PLAY TO THE CROWD!


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HYI-YAH!

!



SUBI-MURA! NO!

CHA!

BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

number twelve in a series
COLLECT THEM ALL!



Takako Chigusa

HEIGHT: 163 cm (5 ft. 4 in.)

WEIGHT: 51 kg (112 lbs.)

EXTRACURRICULAR: track and field (ref: cross country / sub ref: current performance records)

PRIMARY TALENTS: Speed and agility / standard track and field attributes

PRIMARY WEAKNESSS: Borderline persecution complex

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Ice pick

PERTINENT BACKGROUND: Current county record holder for 200 meter run despite underarm issues. Independent, borderline arrogant, nature an outgrowth of deep-seated personal image issues (as reflected in subject's style sense, most obviously the multicolored hair streaking). Subject displays a marked difficulty interacting socially with her peer group, with the exception of one Mitoki Sugimura (ref: childhood affiliations).

CONCLUSION(S): Subject could prove difficult to manage should she win, despite the eye candy appeal. Subject's T & A appeal should boost ratings in urban markets, especially if subject is sexually assaulted.



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CHAPTER 46: Encounter

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KUU

NO—!!

FLOO

YYYY—AH!

!!

SMASH!



.....

DAMN TOO BUSIED

ズ!!!





SON
OF
A...

















SMIR-
TE

!

CERTAIN SPONSORS WILL ONLY BUY AIRTIME FEATURING A CONFIRMED KILL, SO LET'S PICK UP THE PACE, SHALL WE?

ONLY ONE ELIMINATION SINCE OUR LAST UPDATE? DO TRY HARDER, WON'T YOU?

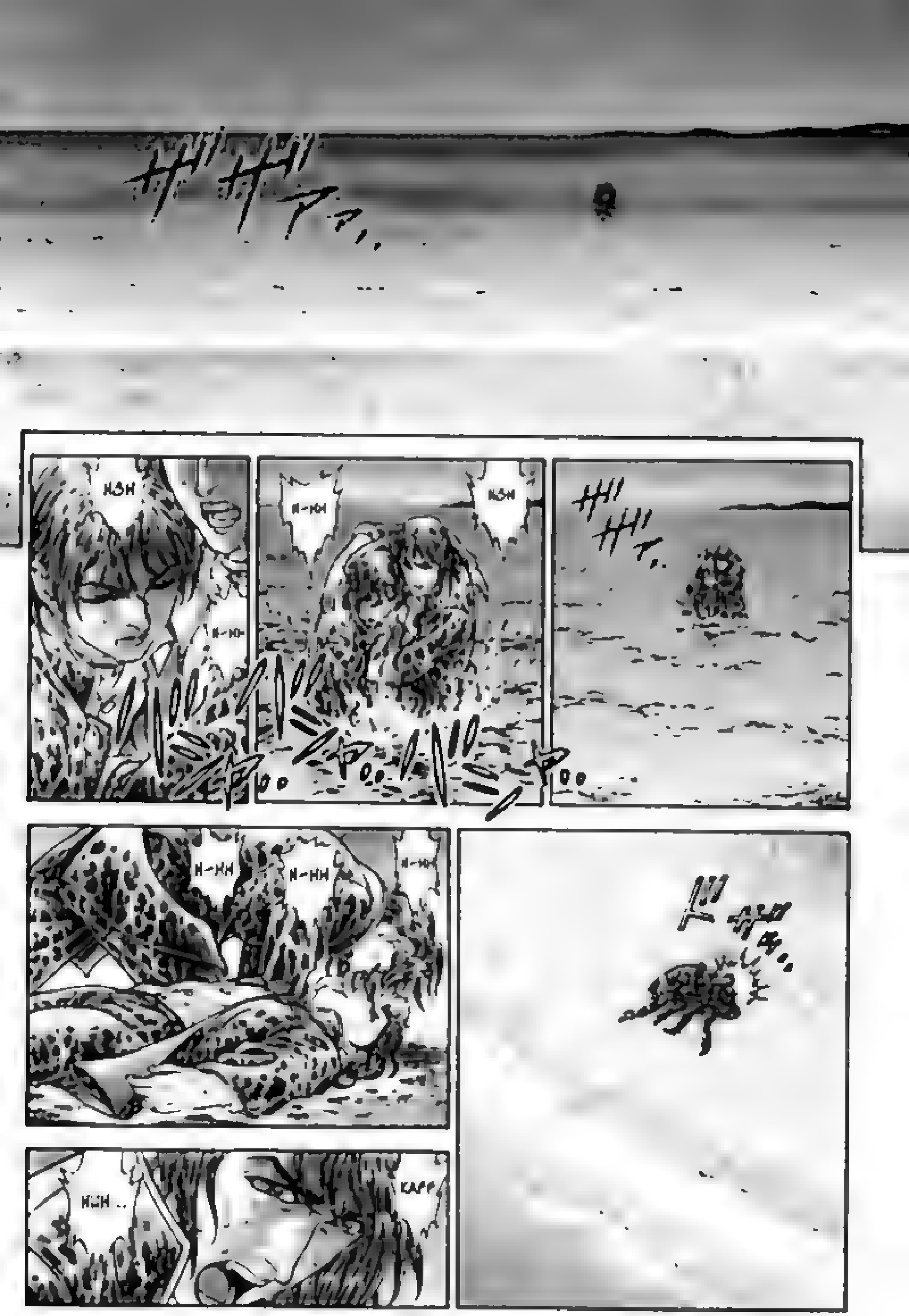
WE LIKE NICE, LITTLE MARTYRS, AND A DISAP-POINTED NICE IT IS

AS PER THE LATEST DANGER ZONES...

WORD TO THE WISE... YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THOROUGHLY BOILING ANY WELL WATER TRUST ME ON THIS.

OH KEIKO SHALL WAS THE AGENCY CONTES-TANT

WE'RE OCTAGON BEGINS IN AT ONE A.M. 0-3 AT.


KSH
H-HH
KSH
H-HH
KSH
H-HH
H-HH
H-HH
H-HH
KSH

SHUUYA! C'MON! C'MON, MAN...

GET UP WE CAN'T STAY HERE

SHU - SHUUYA

!!

PING

!!

PING

FUCKING NAHHEN! LET'S GO!

PING

SHUUYA PLEASE!

!!

PING



Hi!
Hi!
P.

.....

Hi!
Hi!
P.

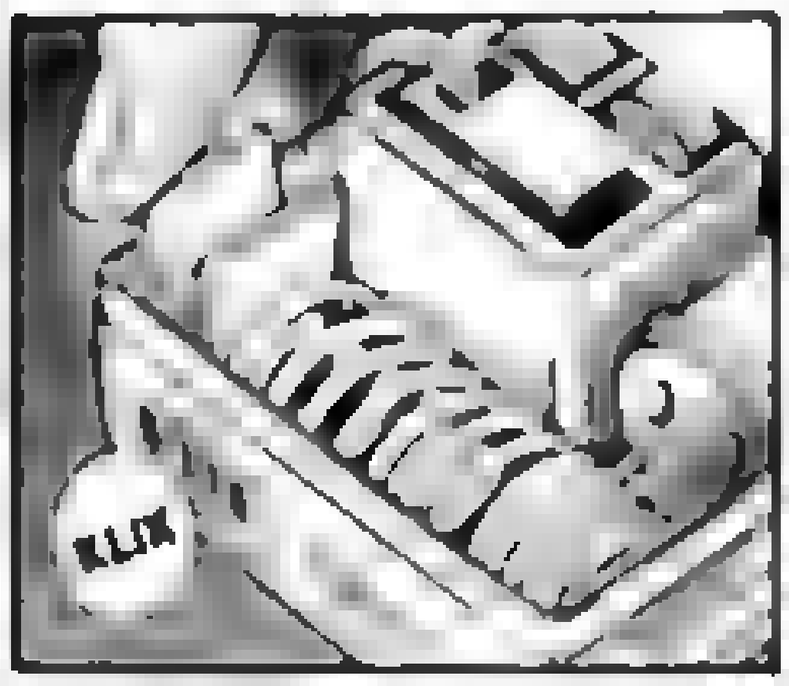

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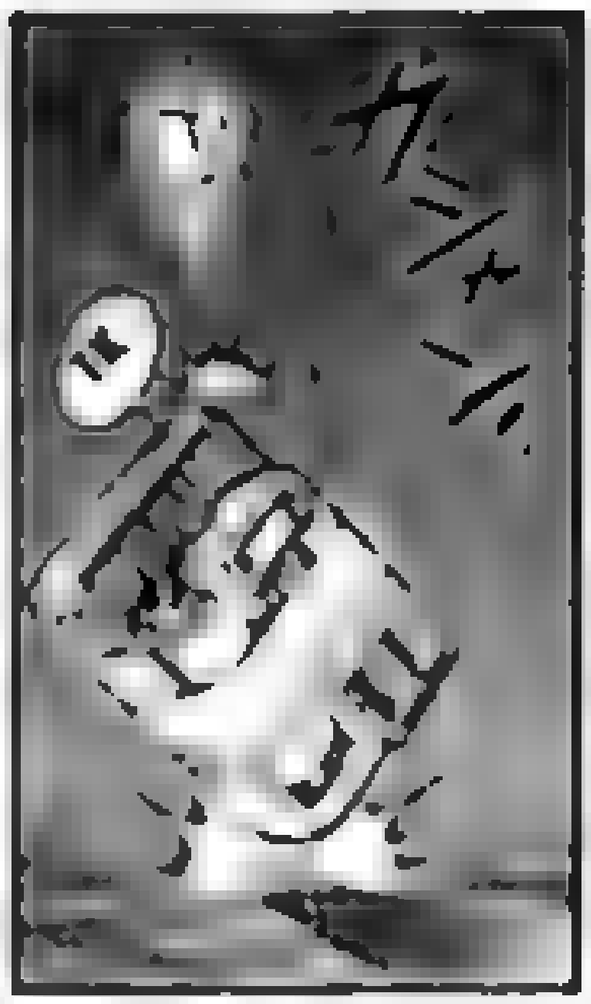



NOT TOO
SHABBY FOR
A GUY WHO
SLEEPS ON
NEEDS JUST
ONE
♡




RUK


UM
SHUSH?
.....
!!


!!
RUK


ONE
NOTE
FOR
ME

.....

I THINK WE SHOULD GO. LIKE RIGHT NOW?

YEAH. WE BEEN HERE TOO LONG

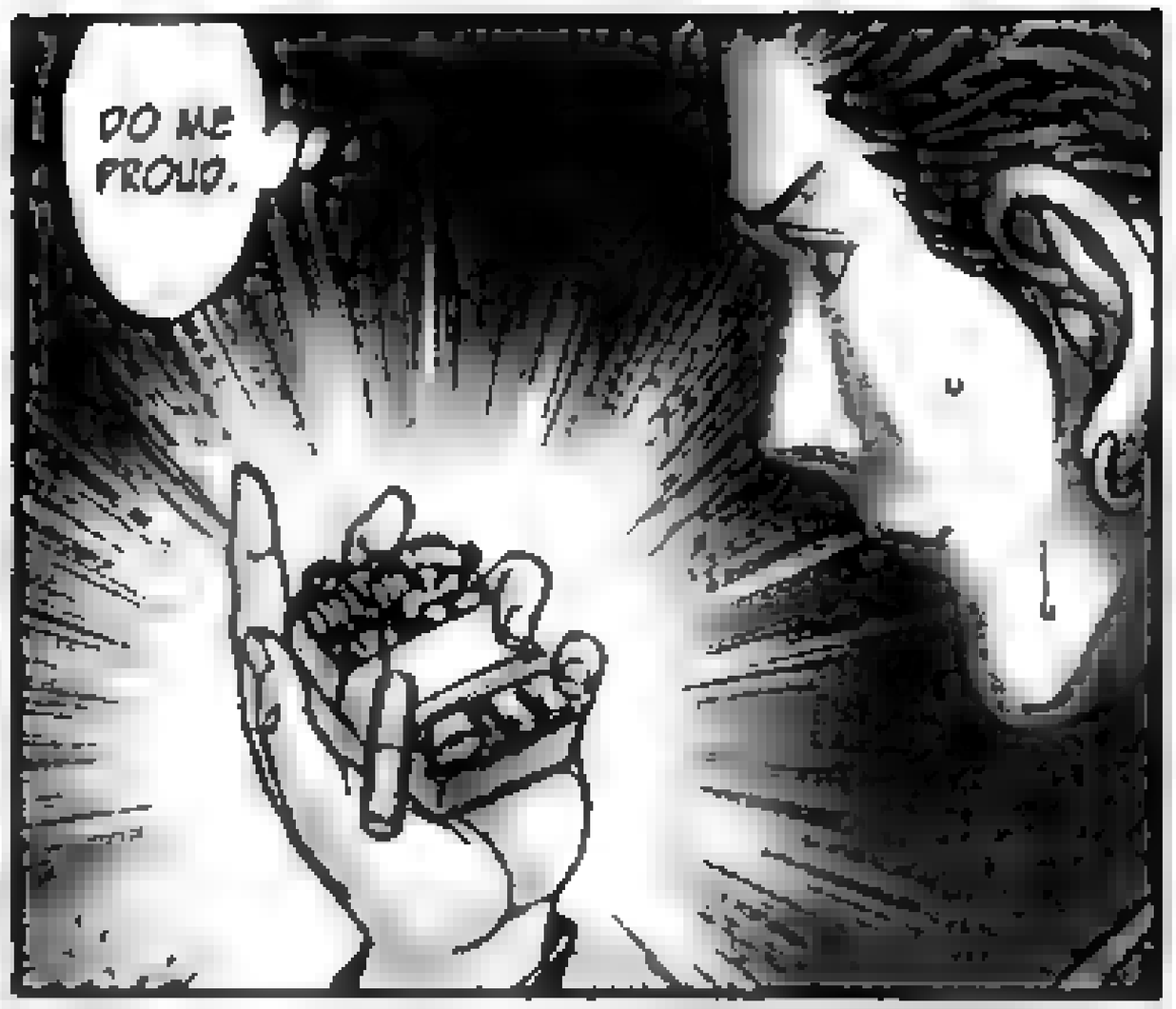
In fact, I don't wanna be out here when dawn breaks

You never said nothing about dawn zombies

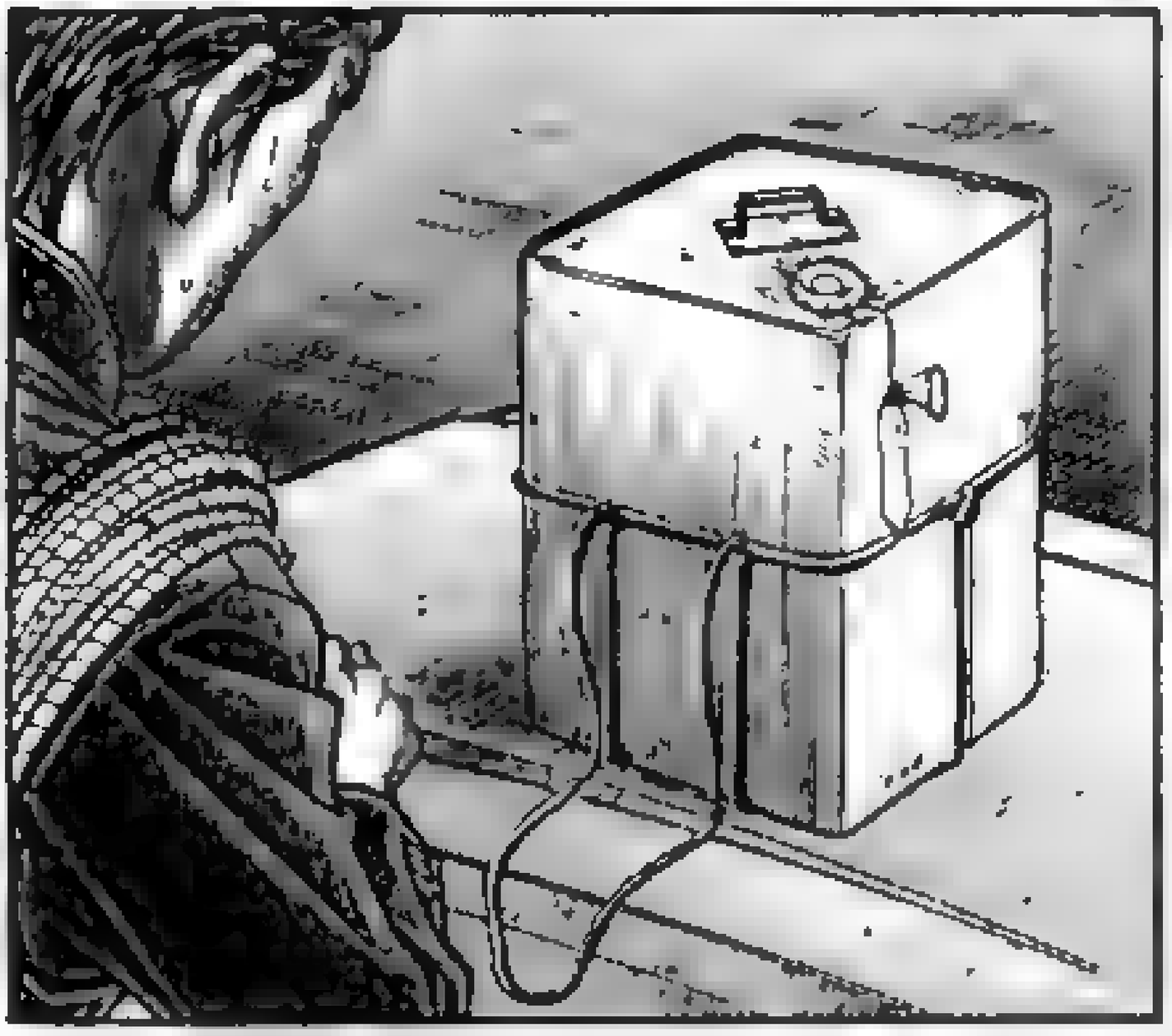
KLIK




OKAY. SHOW-TIME!


DO ME PROUD.






!
M-MIMURA?


"CLOSE" IS NOT AN OPTION. THIS TIME IT'S ALL OR NOTHING.
BE BIG ENOUGH.

I KNOW WHERE I LEFT IT. IT'S GONE!

I CAN'T FIND IT ANY-WHERE!

!!



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NOW WHAT DO WE DO WITHOUT THE PULLEY?

NOW WHAT?

IT'S LOST!

HMM...

.....

HMM??

I KNOW WHERE I LEFT IT. IT'S GONE!

I CAN'T FIND IT ANY-WHERE!

CHAPTER 47: Departure

WATCH THE STUFF... THAT'S ALL I ASKED. JUST WATCH THE FUCKING STUFF!

SNIVELING LITTLE INCOMPE-TENT!

SON OF A.

I'M SORRY, MAM.

CAN'T... FIND IT? YOU CAN'T FIND IT?!

CRK

CRK

AVENGE FLAVOR!

WHO GOT THE FUCKING NAP?! SHIT! I'M DOING ALL THE GODDAMN GRUNT WORK!

YOU COULDN'T EVEN WIPE YOUR OWN ASS WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTION BOOK!

!!

AND FIFTY THOUSAND VOLTS FUCK UP!

I'D BE BETTER OFF ON MY OWN!

SHIT

SHIT

!!

STAY FROSTY, SHINJI. CONTROL. THAT'S THE KEY...

THAT'S HOW THE CRITICAL MISTAKES GET MADE.

YOU LOSE YOUR COOL, IT'S OVER.

CHNG

... NO WAY YOU'LL EVER CONTROL A SITUATION... EVER

YOU CAN'T KEEP YOURSELF AWAY FROM ME

W-WALK?

.....

FOCUS, YUTAKA. IT DIDN'T GET UP AND WALK AWAY

OKAY

!

YUTAKA, IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW CLOSE I WAS TO..

IT'S IN HERE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US

WE'LL FIND IT

♡

IT'S GOT TO BE HERE!

WE'LL FIND IT.

YEAH













!!

ZZOOO

DAMMIT, DAMMIT, DAMMIT!

!!

PHFF...

WHAT IF THE RUNS OUT AND ALL THIS WAS FOR NOTHING?

WHAT IF SOMEONE OUTSIDE SEES? WHAT IF THEY'RE PLAYING?

HUH?! I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION!

GOD, I AM SUCH A LOSER

OH YEAH

!!

!!

HEARD THERE'S A MONTHLY OF A FREEWORLD'S CYSPLAY MATCHING FOR THE WINNERS ♡

OKAY SPEED BUNNY'S BEHIND US NOW WE SPRINT FOR THE FINISH LINE

JUST HANG ONTO IT, OKAY?

JUST THIS TIME

I'LL GUARD IT WITH MY LIFE! SEE IF I DON'T!

"NAME'S NOE. DON'T GET TOO FLUSTERED AGAIN

HUH.

JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE SPACE

HUH..

.....

WE ARE OUT OF HERE

LITTLE MAN ♡

DON'T MESS WITH YOU!

LOCK THE ROPE IN TIGHT, HOOK UP THE PULLEY TO DELIVER THE GOODS, AND IT'S "BOMBS AWAY"!

LET MOMENTUM TAKE IT FROM THERE SHOCK FROM THE FALL SHOULD TRIGGER THE DETONATOR, AND

BOMB LEVELS OFF OVER THE SCHOOL, WE CUT THE ROPE

HELL, WHY STOP AT TAKING OUT THE COMPUTER SYSTEM?

BAM, ZOOM, TO THE FUCKIN' MOON!"

...TO TAKE OUT THE WHOLE SCHOOL!

WE GOT ENOUGH BANG...

WE HIGH-TAIL IT TO THE TIRE TUBES WE STOWED AT THE FOOT OF THE WESTERN CLIFF AND...

THEN, WITH ALL THE SOLDIER BOYS ON PERMANENT LEAVE...



SHIT .. LET'S JUST HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT.

AIN'T NO AMOUNT'A FROSTY GONNA COVER THAT EVENTUALITY

AND IF I HAVE TO SHOOT SOME-ONE?

.....

FROSTY

BEAT YOU TO THIS EXPERIENCE, UNCLE YOU NEVER LIKED GUNS

NEVER SAW YOU SO MUCH AS PICK ONE UP. YOU DIDN'T MISS OUT ON ANY-THING

I WAS... UM...

SURE.

HUH.

!

WE GOING OR WHAT?

MIM? YO, MIM.

.....

.....

IF I HAVE TO... I WILL.

IF AND ONLY IF I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO.

LIKE THE FIRST SHOT I HAD TO MAKE... GAME'S AT STAKE AND...

YEAH... COMES TO IT, I CAN DO WHAT'S GOTTA BE DONE.

.....

OKAY

SO WE GOING?

PLEASE DON'T COME TO THAT

!

M-M?

ME TOO.

YEAH...

!!

I'M GLAD IT WAS YOU I HOOKED UP WITH.

I'M GLAD IT WAS YOU, YUTAKA.

... THINGS GO UNSAID, Y'KNOW? RIGHT, THEN... YOU READY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

.....

SHIT HITS THE FAN AND THINGS...

I'M READY AS I'LL EVER BE!

BRING IT ON!



M-MI-MI-MIMURA?

HUH!

NO!

D-DON'T! IT'S ME!

IT'S ME! DON'T SHOOT!

IT'S ME! KEITA!

IIJIMA! KEITA IIJIMA!

SURVIVING CONTESTANTS / 20 and counting...

NINTH GRADE/CLASS B - BOY #2:

KEITA IIJIMA

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42



15: Noriko Nakagawa



8: Kayoko Kotohiki



1: Mizuho Inada



15: Shuuya Nanahara



8: Yoji Kuramoto



1: Yoshio Akamatsu



16: Yuka Nakagawa



9: Yuko Sakaki



2: Yukio Utsumi



16: Kazushi Niida



9: Hiroshi Kuronaga



2: Keita Iijima



17: Satomi Noda



10: Hirono Shimizu



3: Megumi Etou



17: Mitsuru Numai



10: Ryuhei Sasagawa



3: Tatsumichi Ooki



18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi



11: Mitsuko Souma



4: Sakura Ogawai



18: Tadakatsu Hatagami



11: Hiroki Sugimura



4: Toshinori Oda



19: Chisato Matsui



12: Haruka Tanizawa



5: Izumi Kanai



19: Shinji Mimura



12: Yutaka Sato



5: Shogo Kawada



20: Kaori Minami



13: Takako Chigusa



6: Yukiko Kitano



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7: Yumiko Kusaka



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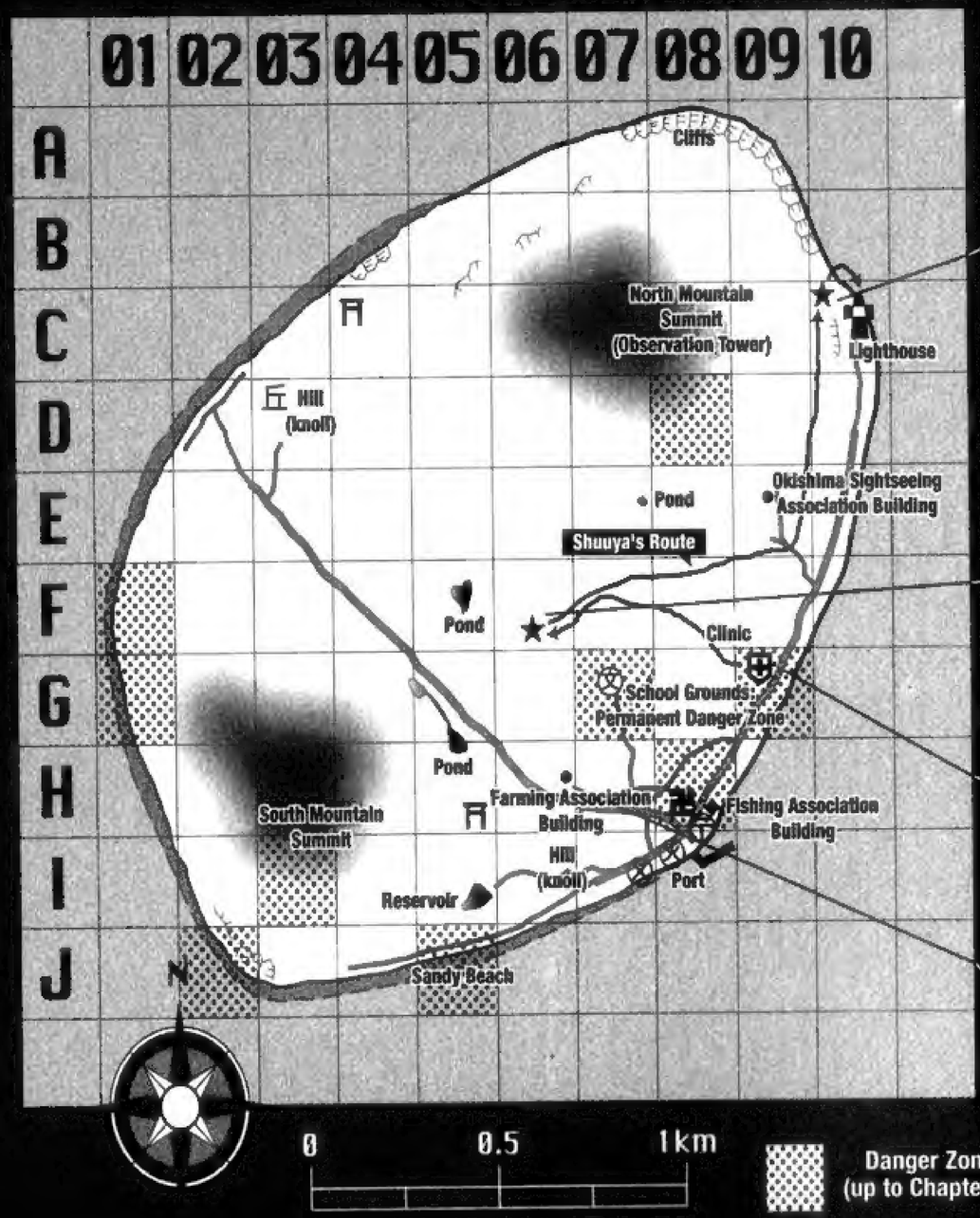


14: Sho Tsukioka



7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

THE PROGRAM: UPDATE
CHAPTERS 40-47



PROGRAM CONDITIONS:

All members of the class must kill each other until one survivor remains • All students are supplied with a ration of food, a map of the island, and a weapon • All students will wear an explosive bomb collar that also monitors life signs • Students are free to move about the island but must stay out of designated danger zones that will frequently change locations • If there is more than one survivor at the end of the game, the remaining bomb collars will be detonated.

CHAPTERS 45-46



Sugimura to the rescue!

CHAPTERS 42-44



Pinned down by Kazuo.

CHAPTERS 40-42



Sugimura takes his leave.

CHAPTER 47



Shinji and Yutaka run into Keita.